



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission October 12, 2010

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on October 12, 2010, 5:00 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Sally Clements  
Dick Collins  
Karyn Gitlis  
Curtis Ritland  
Alyson Star  
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)  
David Swanson (Chair)  
Kurtis Zinger

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Tara Ellman (Excused)

**City Staff Present:**

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality  
Specialist

**Meeting convened at 5:05 p.m.**

Dave called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (June 8, 2010)**

Curt moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Karyn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff**

*Appointments:* Staff welcomed Kurtis as a newly appointed member, and announced that Amy Fish also had been appointed by the Mayor to the Aviation Commission.

*Ordinance amendment:* The proposed ordinance amendment to reduce the membership of the Commission from 13 to 11 members and expand the duties of the Commission to include all impacts from aircraft and airport operations on Tempe residents, are in process for a first public hearing at the October 21, 2010 City Council meeting. If adopted the change is expected to become effective for the Commission's December 2010 meeting.

*SID Procedures:* Staff talked about the Standard Instrument Departure procedures that were in place at Sky Harbor before and after the opening of the third runway 10 years ago, displayed

wordings in Jeppesen charts, and gave examples of radar track altitudes and headings over the riverbed. Explanations were given as to how the implementations of departure procedures at Sky Harbor are impacted by the practice of having pilots use visual separation to keep safe distances to planes ahead in the departure flow. He also mentioned that departure headings over Tempe towards the east are impacted by how planes are being sequenced on the ground by PHX ATCT to fan out alternately to the north and the south at Price Road.

*Karyn left the meeting at 5:43 p.m.*

*East- West Departure Split:* Quarterly statistics of the east/ west departure split from the first quarter of 2006 to the third quarter of 2010 were explained. Daily departure split were impacted by seasonal weather changes and prevailing winds. The total number of departures was lower in 2009 and 2010 because of the economic downturn. Most significant is the difference in the split between daytime and nighttime departure operations. The west side of the airport gets the largest volume of daytime departures, but the east side gets the most nighttime departures.

Follow-up: The members suggested staff provide information on early morning departure headings, for example look at what time of day most departures go towards the northeast.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – FAA Authorization Act**

Staff had prepared a requested account of efforts made in Congress to pass legislation on the future funding of the FAA, and the financing of the next-generation air traffic system. He explained about the process and the number of temporary funding extensions that have occurred through the years after first proposal was made during the previous administration, to the latest extension made in order to maintain FAA funding that includes financing airport improvement programs through 2010. The members discussed how they could go about having the city support federal policy on aircraft noise.

Follow-up: The members asked to be informed about the aviation legislation effort as it unfolds after the mid-term elections, and get the issue on their chart over Commission initiatives.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Commissioners' Business (topics for future discussion)**

Discuss a recommendation for the City to join N.O.I.S.E. or re-establish an affiliation with the organization through the National League of Cities.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for November 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

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Authorized Signature  
Deputy Water Utilities Manager